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¶1. (SBU) Embassy delivered reftel demarche points to Ministry of Commerce and Industry Director of Commodities Ibrahim Naibbi. Naibbi had not been aware of U.S. concerns because his subordinate who attended IRSG meetings until the end of 2007 had recently retired from the Ministry. He however, said he will present U.S. views to the Minister for further discussions.

¶2. (SBU) Naibbi said because the Secretary General is not an African Nigeria was likely to support the U.S on the issue. If the Secretary General were an African, the spirit of African solidarity

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might come to play, he noted.

¶3. (U) Naibbi had not received approval to attend the February IRSG, but will attend the March 4 - 6 meeting.

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